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1. WE SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH PROPOSED MECHANISM SO LONG AS ONUS OF APPROACHING SAG IS CLEARLY PLACED ON GOJ. LOCALLY, WE ARE FINDING THAT SAUDI PATIENCE WITH OUR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THEY CAN HELP NEEDY SUPPLICANTS IS BEGINNING TO WEAR THIN. SAUDIS FEEL THAT THIE FUNDS ARE BY NO MEANS UNLIMITED AND THEY ARE BECOMING SENSITIVE ABOUT BEING REGARDED AS AN EASY TOUGH FOR EVERY WORTH CAUSE.

2. LANGUAGE OF PARA 2 REFTEL UNNECESSARILY HARSH AND LEGALISTIC, PARTICULARLY THE QUOTE NOTE UNQUOTE LABELLED SUB PARAGRAPH B. IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE SAG (AND WE PRESUME WITH THE GOJ AS WELL), A SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL AND COOPERATION IS FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN PRECISE LEGAL TERMINOLOGY. SUCH CAREFULLY DRAFTED TERMS, WHICH ATTEMPT TO COVER EVERY POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY UNDER WHICH THE SAG MIGHT FAIL TO PAY, TEND IN THEMSELVES TO CAST DOUBT ON OUR FAITH IN THE GOOD WILL OF THE SAG. WE BELIEVE A SIMPLIFICATION OF THE LANGUAGE PROPOSED MIGHT BE BETTER RECEIVED.

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3. WE WILL INFORM SAG OF OUR GRATIFICATION THAT IT IS

HELPING OUT A WORTHY NEIGHBOR. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT
IT IS BETTER THAT ACTUAL TALKS BE BETWEEN SAG AND GOJ.
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